

# ROCKVILLE REPORTS

APRIL 2008

VOLUME 54 • NUMBER 4

A monthly newsletter for the citizens of the City of Rockville

## Options to Fund Water System and Water Plant Upgrades

Mayor and Council will Consider Rates As Part of Fiscal Year 2009 Budget

The March issue of *Rockville Reports* reported that City of Rockville staff recommended water system upgrades to address aging infrastructure and comply with new, more stringent federal regulations.

At the March 10 Mayor and Council meeting, the Mayor and Council directed City of Rockville staff to return with further analysis of the proposed water rates, including additional options to achieve lower rate hikes in the early years of the City's pipe replacement program. Staff presented several options to fund replacing 33 miles of water pipe over 15, 20, and 25 years and upgrading the City's water plant. The projected cost of replacing the 33 miles of pipe would be in the range of \$67-81 million, depending on the construction period. The Mayor and Council will consider rate increases as part of the 2009 fiscal year (FY) budget

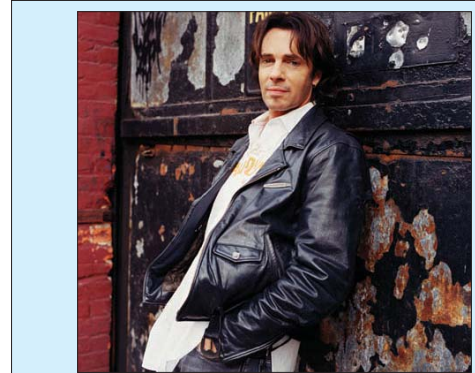
worksession on April 28. The FY 2009 budget is scheduled for adoption on May 19.

The March presentation followed the February 11 meeting in which staff described the aging and deterioration of Rockville's water pipes and needed upgrades to the City's water plant. Installed before the mid 1970's, Rockville's cast iron pipes are now experiencing corrosion, which has led to decreased water flow from fire hydrants and increased water main breaks. This corrosion, known as "tuberculation," reduces the interior pipe diameter, thereby lowering the flow in the pipe. "Water systems throughout the region and country also are experiencing the effects of aging infrastructure," said Craig Simoneau, Rockville's Director of Public Works. "We are not unique in needing to take care of this very important issue."

Upgrades to the water plant are needed to comply with regulations set by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Maryland Department of Environment.

"This project is critical to the city," said Scott Ullery, Rockville's City Manager. "By systematically replacing deteriorating pipes, Rockville can improve the reliability of the water system and correct possible fire flow problems."

A 20-year schedule to replace 33 miles of pipe is included in the City Manager's FY 2009 proposed budget. The average residential customer with a ¾ inch pipe would expect to pay \$15.43 more each quarter for water the first year of the program under this proposal. Subsequently, the billing would increase about 14% each year until 2013, at which time the rate would increase less than 1% each year. By FY



**ROCKVILLE WELCOMES RICK SPRINGFIELD...** Rockville's Mayor and Council welcome Rick Springfield as the headliner for 2008 Hometown Holidays! Hometown Holidays, celebrating its 20th year, is a Memorial Day weekend long event in Rockville Town Center. Rick Springfield will perform Sunday, May 25 at 8 p.m. The concert is free.

2018, the average customer's bill would have gone up about \$45 per quarter.

Staff reviewed and presented several funding options to the Mayor and Council. Other options included the use of infrastructure renewal fees, and lengthening the program to 25 years. The City plans to utilize a combination of debt and pay-as-

you-go financing, which is consistent with all other City capital projects.

Staff will present additional options to the Mayor and Council either at the FY 2009 budget worksession on April 28 or as soon as April 14, if the analysis is completed sooner. Water rates will be adopted along with the FY 2009 budget on May 19. **RR**

## Spring is in the Air and Leaves are on the Ground

### Leaf Collection Begins

Spring flowers and plants have started to bloom around Rockville's neighborhoods and part of maintaining a well groomed landscape is disposing of fallen leaves in a timely manner.

The City of Rockville's Department of Public Works is about to kick-off its bi-annual leaf collection and residents are encouraged to begin collecting leaves.

See map at right for leaf collection dates. Rake leaves into the gutter, or

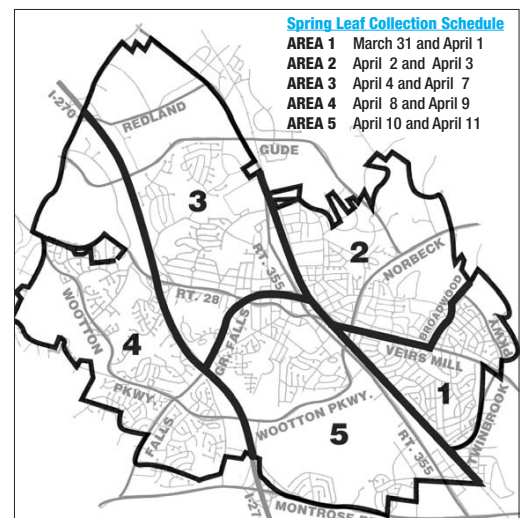
immediately adjacent to the pavement if no curb or gutter, no later than 7 a.m. on collection day.

Residents can rake leaves anytime just before collection day. This avoids leaves near and on the streets, which can be a fire hazard and potentially damage grass if left too long. Remove all limbs, rocks and other heavy objects. Do not place leaves in plastic bags. The City recycling program will collect the leaves and grass placed in biodegradable bags



or easily emptied containers.

For more information on leaf collection visit Rockville's Web site at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8570. **RR**



## • City Government: This Month's Happenings •

### PUBLIC INPUT/INVOLVEMENT:

Sustainable Rockville Listserv Available .....	p.2
Celebrate Arbor Day 2008 .....	p.2
Get Involved in Rockville Pike Planning .....	p.3
Rockville Asian Pacific American Task Force .....	p.5
2008 Welsh Park Family Celebration .....	p.6

### DIRECT IMPACT:

City-wide Neighborhood Stream Clean-up .....	p.2
More Ways to Communicate with Police .....	p.4
Stormwater Management Efforts Continue .....	p.5
Rockville Community Planning and Development Services Director Selected .....	p.8

MAYOR & COUNCIL  
111 Maryland Ave.  
Rockville, Maryland  
20850-2364

PRESORTED  
STANDARD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
ROCKVILLE, MD.  
PERMIT NO. 63

ECR WSS  
LOCAL  
POSTAL CUSTOMER

## Planting Seeds More Ways than One

### City of Rockville and College Gardens Elementary School Host Arbor Day, April 25

Trees are precious to the citizens of Rockville and provide great benefits to the environment. Not only do trees help fight global warming and provide food for wildlife, but they help lower resident's utility bills and provide aesthetic value. Trees also intercept rainwater and absorb pollutants before entering streams and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.

Trees deserve to be celebrated and Rockville's Mayor and Council will do just that. During their April 7 meeting, the Mayor and Council will read a proclamation recognizing Friday, April 25 as Arbor Day in the City of Rockville. To commemorate Arbor Day, the City will have a tree planting ceremony at the new College Gardens

Elementary School located at 1700 Yale Place at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this ceremony.

In anticipation of Arbor Day, City Forestry staff will visit all Rockville first grade classes the week of April 21 to talk to students about trees and hand out free tree seedlings, hoping to 'plant the seed' in these young students the importance of celebrating and appreciating trees.

The City of Rockville is proud to once again be recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. Rockville was awarded for its commitment to maintenance, successful preservation and planting of trees. The City has a Recreation and Park Board as well as a Forest and Tree Preservation Ordinance to ensure trees are protected during

land development and new trees are planted on newly developed sites. Rockville is extremely honored to be named a Tree City USA for 19 consecutive years.

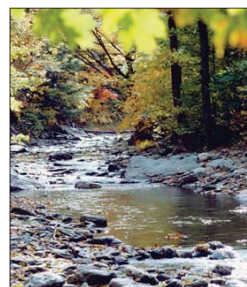
Rockville earned an additional 2007 Tree City USA Growth Award due to the significant rewrite of the Forest and Tree Preservation Ordinance, increased funding for tree maintenance and increased staffing for enforcement of forest conservation plans during new development.

A representative of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Specialist will present the 2007 Tree City USA and Tree City USA Growth Awards at a future Mayor and Council meeting. **RR**

## Community Taking Matters Into Their Own Hands

### Cleaning Up Rockville's Streams one Trash Bag at a Time, April 5

The City of Rockville is sponsoring a City-wide stream cleanup on April 5 and individuals, members of civic associations, scouts, religious and school groups, local businesses and families are encouraged to help pick up trash along the City's streams and creeks. This initiative is part of the regional Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative created by the Alice Ferguson Foundation, now in its 20th year.



**Streams need your help.**

"Controlling trash buildup in City streams not only helps improve the local environment, but also improves water quality and conditions for aquatic life," said Nate Wall, Environmental Specialist. "Trash and other pollutants travel from streets and parking lots through storm drains and into our local creeks, where it destroys natural beauty, diminishes water quality and endangers certain species."

Three specific Rockville sites

are scheduled for cleanup on April 5: Woottons Mill and Dogwood parks and Rock Creek Park off Southlawn Lane before Avery Road. Stream clean up volunteers should meet at City Hall, located at 111 Maryland Ave., at 9 a.m. Groups will be sent to the various cleanup sites to ensure all three locations will be attended to. It is highly recommended volunteers wear clothes they do not mind getting wet and dirty and wear old shoes or boots and work gloves. Wearing sunscreen and bringing water to drink also is encouraged. The clean up should end around 12 p.m.

"By the end of the clean up, we will have removed an incredible volume of debris and trash from our watershed," added Wall. "A team of five or six people can typically remove 20 or more garbage bags of debris in just three hours, making a direct contribution toward improving Rockville's environment."

The City will provide groups with all of the necessary materials for the cleanups and will coordinate the removal of the cleanup debris. Students can earn Student Service Learning hours with Montgomery County Public Schools. Interested groups can stay involved by participating in Rockville's Adopt-A-Stream program. For more information, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/adopt-a-stream](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/adopt-a-stream) or call 240-314-8872. **RR**

## Sustainable Rockville Listserv Available

Citizens who are interested in keeping up-to-date with City programs and initiatives related to the Strategy for a Sustainable Rockville, can sign up for the listserv, now available.

### Listserve members receive:

- City updates about green buildings,
- stormwater quality,
- climate protection,



- other environmental programs and initiatives, plus
- information about local environmental events.

To subscribe, E-mail: join [sustainability@rocknet.org](mailto:sustainability@rocknet.org). **RR**

## RedGate Golf Course Gets New Look, Players and Environment Benefit

### New Pond at Hole 11 Provides Challenging Fun for Golfers, Aids City's Stormwater Management

Patrons of RedGate Golf Course have been watching the construction at the 11th hole that is nearing completion, with the addition of a new pond and a 50-yard extension to the driving range. The 11th green also has been resurfaced. Golf Course Superintendent Ray Evans and his staff report that the new putting surface looks great. The new 11th hole will now offer a greater challenge for golfers while also serving an environmental purpose.

Look carefully to see that the pond offers more than just a nice view and amenity. As the City continues its efforts toward environmental sustainability, construction of this new stormwater management pond is another way Rockville is practicing strong environmental stewardship. The look

of the new pond at hole 11 blends into the setting of the golf course meeting demands for both function and design.

Despite the construction, play is uninterrupted as many flock to the golf course during these beautiful early spring days to enjoy what RedGate has to offer. The completion of the new pond will offer many advantages to both the golf course and to the environment. The new stormwater management pond will collect and filter overflow from the adjacent City Maintenance Complex. Players should be happy to know that dirt displaced from the pond has been recycled and used to extend the driving range by 50 yards, from 175 yards to 225 yards, allowing all players to hit woods and drivers, (previously only irons were

permitted).

"This project is a major move in a positive direction for RedGate Golf Course," said Golf Pro Keiron Mooney. "This effort involves several City departments, it will benefit the environment, and we will attract more play to the course."

The construction of the pond and driving range is expected to be completed by July 1 in time for tournaments. Meanwhile, the 11th hole is being played as a temporary par 3. Enjoy these beautiful spring days with a round at the region's premier public golf course.

For more information about RedGate Golf Course, visit the City's Web site at [www.rockvillemd.gov/redgate/](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/redgate/) or call 240-314-8730. **RR**

— by Mya Dinh

## Rockville Hosts Stormwater Conference

The City of Rockville will host a day-long regional urban stormwater conference, co-sponsored by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, on April 28 at the Glenview Mansion.

The City volunteered to host representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the states of Maryland and Virginia and many communities across the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Critical regulatory, policy and technical stormwater issues communities like Rockville are currently facing, such as aging storm drain networks needing repair or replacement, increased concern of stormwater quality, identifying non-stormwater or discharges into storm drains, the effectiveness of various stormwater management practices and funding city and county stormwater efforts will be addressed.

"The City will benefit from

this conference in many ways," said Mark Charles, Rockville's Chief of Environmental Management. "Exchanging ideas with the federal and state agencies, and discussing challenges and solutions face-to-face will only increase the effectiveness of our stormwater program."

Participants will be briefed on pending regulatory changes, emerging technologies, effective management practices and program funding approaches. The connection between urban stormwater and the Chesapeake Bay restoration will be discussed. Several case studies on community outreach, the challenges faced, and solutions to these challenges also will be presented. Each study will be followed by an extensive question and answer session.

For more information, call 240-314-8870 or visit [www.mw-cog.org/environment](http://www.mw-cog.org/environment). **RR**



## Planning Commission Worksessions on Proposed Zoning Ordinance

The Rockville City Planning Commission began worksessions on the draft zoning ordinance and proposed comprehensive zoning map in March. The Commission will continue these worksessions throughout April.

The tentative schedule of topics for these worksessions is as follows:

- **Wednesday, April 2:** Historic district zone provisions, begin review of general public hearing testimony
- **Wednesday, April 9:** Environmental issues, planned development zones, public park zones; neighborhood conservation districts; further consideration of general issues.
- **Saturday, April 12:** General issues discussion continued.
- **Wednesday, April 16:** Mixed-use zones.



**Rockville  
Zoning**

- **Wednesday, April 23:** Proposed zoning map.

This schedule is subject to change. If needed, additional meetings may be added. Changes to the schedule will be posted on the City's Web site at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov).

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the worksessions. However, no input from the public will be taken at these meetings. Submit comments for the public record via mail to Planning Commission, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md., 20850, E-mail [zoning@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:zoning@rockvillemd.gov) or fax to 240-314-8210. The deadline for submitting comments for consideration by the Planning Commission is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 28.

All of these worksessions will be televised live on TRC 11 and replayed throughout the month of April. **RR**



The above illustration is a draft concept of the Twinbrook neighborhood. Illustration by Wheeler Goodman Masek.

## Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan Worksession April 23

The Planning Commission has scheduled a worksession for discussion and instructions to staff on possible changes to the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan before it is recommended to the Mayor and Council. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and will be broadcast live on TRC 11 and re-aired throughout the following weeks.

Copies of the Draft Plan are available free of charge at the Department of Community Planning and Development

Services at City Hall (111 Maryland Ave., second floor). The Draft Plan is available at [www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook/index.html](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/masterplan/twinbrook/index.html).

Typically, no public testimony will be taken during the Worksessions, but the Public Record remains open and written comments may be submitted to Robin Wiener, Chair, Rockville Planning Commission, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Md. 20850. **RR**

### Reminder: Upcoming Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Dates

**MARCH 31:** Budget Public Hearing

**APRIL 14:** Budget Public Hearing

**APRIL 28:** Budget Worksession

**MAY 5:** Budget Worksession

**MAY 19:** Budget Adoption

Meetings start at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. and will be aired live on TRC 11.

## Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place What Has Happened Up To Now, Involvement Opportunities

Rockville's Mayor and Council are committed to seeking inclusive and broad participation in a community-wide dialogue about the future of Rockville Pike within the city limits. Gaining an understanding of the critical issues and community perceptions of the Pike is vital to the plan process. With the help of an outside consultant team, the initiative *Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place* began in November of 2007.

After stakeholder interviews and community-wide meetings, community members discussed an overview of the Rockville Pike corridor. The groups highlighted what they liked and did not like about the Pike in these areas: transportation issues and concerns, physical environment, and its future.

Community participa-



If the participation and enthusiasm of the crowd at last month's meeting is any indication, the Rockville community indeed envisions Rockville's Pike a great place.

tion is critical and actively engaging in this process will ensure a successful future for Rockville's Pike. Hundreds of citizens are participating actively in meetings and have signed up to receive regular updates. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov).

[gov/rockvillespike](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike) for the latest information on *Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place*. For questions or comments, contact the City's Department of Community Planning and Development Services at 240-314-8200. **RR**

## Upcoming Important Dates Ways for the Public to be Involved in Rockville's Pike

Date(s)	Subjects
May 6	Market Analysis. Understanding and discussing the economic conditions and potential of the Pike. Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Dr., 7-9 p.m. <a href="http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike">www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike</a> .
May 31 through June 4	Rockville's Pike Design Charrette. The Charrette will be five days of intensive activity that engages the community in a series of meetings, open houses, and design workshops to explore alternative development scenarios for Rockville's Pike. Place and time to be determined. <a href="http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike">www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike</a> .
June 3	Charrette results presentation. This meeting presents the community's preferred development scenario. Place and time to be determined. <a href="http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike">www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike</a> .
July 29	Forms Standards report. Using the preferred development scenario identified at the Charrette, the consultants will develop a set of standards that can be used to regulate the built environment and achieve the community's vision for Rockville's Pike. Place and time to be determined. <a href="http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike">www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike</a> .
September 30	The Draft Plan presentation. At this meeting the consultant team will formally present the Draft Plan for Rockville's Pike: Envision a Great Place. Place and time to be determined. <a href="http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike">www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike</a> .

### Did you know?

A *charrette* [shuh-ret] is a collaborative session in which a group of people with vested interest gather to find a solution to a design problem. The intent of this intense session is to quickly generate design solutions while integrating the knowledge and interests of many different people.

## New Online Features Enhance Police/Community Communication

Online Forms and Graffiti Tipline Available for Citizens to Privately, Anonymously and Securely Share Information

The Rockville City Police Department strives for two-way communication with its citizens. When citizens feel safe communicating with police, the entire community benefits.

The Rockville City Police Department recently enhanced their Web site with the addition of several online forms for citizens to use. These forms allow residents to send information on such issues as animal control, abandoned vehicles, graffiti and narcotics activity.

"Maintaining open lines of communication with our residents is vital," said Rockville City Chief of Police T.N. Treschuk. "These online forms help our officers respond to issues more quickly and the community is safer, cleaner and quieter because of it."

The following online forms are now available:

- **Abandoned Vehicle Report**  
www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/police/forms/avform.htm. Report an abandoned vehicle within City limits through this form.

- **Animal Control Request**  
www.rockvillemd.gov/e-gov/animal.htm. Use this to make a request, report a problem or comment concerning animals within the City limits.

- **Graffiti Report**  
www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/police/forms/graffiti.html. Use this form to report any graffiti observed in the city of Rockville. If telephoning is more convenient, people can call 240-31-48477 (TIPS) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to report graffiti.

- **Anonymous Narcotics**

Report www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/police/forms/narcotics.html. Users of this form, and all other forms, will remain anonymous. Report narcotics activity here. Information provided will help the Rockville City Police Department respond more quickly and effectively.

- **Witness Report in Traffic Enforcement (W.R.I.T.E.)**  
www.rockvillemd.gov/residents/police/forms/write.html. A citizen can report a vehicle for minor violations by filling out and submitting the information using the W.R.I.T.E. form. Rockville City Police thanks all its citizens for proactively taking part in ensuring Rockville neighborhoods are safe. **RR**

## Fight the Bite

Helpful Hints to Prevent West Nile and Lyme Disease

The Vernal Equinox, otherwise known as spring, has sprung. With spring's arrival comes flowers popping through the ground, kids counting down the days until summer vacation, and residents enjoying Rockville's many parks, trails, and time outdoors.

Spring also brings mosquitoes and ticks along with the risk of Lyme disease and West Nile virus.

Residents and visitors should still enjoy the outdoors while taking the following precautions to ward off these two warm weather, insect-borne diseases.

### Lyme Disease

Lyme disease, caused from a bite from an infected tick, is a bacterial infection that results in a skin rash, swollen joints and flu-like symptoms. It can be challenging to diagnose Lyme disease. Many times people are unaware they have been bitten by a tick. Symptoms of Lyme disease may include: a skin rash often resembling a bulls-eye, fever, headache, muscle pain, a stiff neck, and swelling of knees and other large joints.

Most cases of Lyme disease occur in the spring and summer months. While outdoors these simple precautions can reduce your chance of being bitten: wear long pants and



**A picnic in a City park is a great way to enjoy the outdoors. Decrease the risk of Lyme disease and West Nile virus by minimizing skin exposure by wearing long pants. Using insect repellent is another way to ward off these potentially serious illnesses.**

long-sleeved shirts to minimize skin exposure to ticks particularly when in wooded and grassy areas, tuck pants into socks to form a barrier to tick attachment, wear light-colored garments to help see ticks on clothing, check for ticks which may look like nothing more than a new freckle or speck of dirt. It is recommended that when outdoors apply a tick and/or insect repellent, follow label instructions carefully.

### West Nile Virus

West Nile virus is a potentially serious illness and can be spread from mosquitoes to humans. There are varying severities of the virus. Some

symptoms include: high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, muscle weakness, vision loss, swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back.

The easiest and best way to avoid West Nile virus is to prevent mosquito bites by: using insect repellent when outdoors, staying indoors when mosquitoes are most active (dusk and dawn), utilizing and maintaining screens in windows and doors, and eliminating mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace water in bird baths weekly. **RR**



## Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Rockville's Rooftop

**DATE:** May 2, 2008  
**TIME:** 5 to 8 p.m. (ribbon cutting 5:30 p.m.)  
**PLACE:** Arts and Innovation Building - Rooftop Deck  
155 Gibbs St., Rockville Town Square

**This officially kicks-off the First Fridays Deck Party – 1st Friday, every month, May-September, 5 to 8 p.m.**

Offering great view, music, food and drink. Admission (21 and over with identification) is free with food and drinks available for purchase.

**May 2:** Ribbon cutting ceremony. Music by Sons of Pirates  
**June 6:** Music by Leaving, TX  
**July 4:** No Deck Party due to Independence Day  
**August 1:** Music by Patty Reese  
**September 5:** Music by Billy Coulter

## Rockville Scholarship Foundation Offers Financial Assistance

In partnership with the City of Rockville and Montgomery College, the Rockville Scholarship Foundation (RSF) is now accepting applications for scholarships. The deadline is April 14. To be eligible for a RSF scholarship, an applicant must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Be a resident of the city of Rockville
- Be a student attending Rockville, Richard Montgomery or Wootton high schools
- Be a student at Montgomery College, Rockville campus

The foundation typically awards four to six scholarships per year in the amount of \$2,000 – 3,000. Scholarship monies may be used for educational expenses at any two- or four-year college (including the Montgomery College, Rockville campus), vocational school or trade school.

"The Rockville Scholarship

Foundation is an important tradition in Rockville," said John Moser, president of RSF. "We want those eligible to know that we can help them pursue their dreams."

Applications can be accessed at [www.rsffoundation.net](http://www.rsffoundation.net). Applicants must submit an RSF application (including an essay), letters of recommendation, copies of official transcripts and financial aid information. Applicants will be ranked based on a combination of academic standing, financial need, character and integrity, community involvement and scholastic activities.

Winners will be honored by the Rockville Mayor and Council and are required to attend an awards ceremony in late spring.

Applications also are available at each participating school and Rockville City Hall, located at 111 Maryland Ave. For additional application information, contact [info@rsffoundation.net](mailto:info@rsffoundation.net). **RR**



**ROCKVILLE LIBRARY HOURS CORRECTION...** The Rockville Library's hours of operation were incorrectly published in last month's Rockville Reports insert, "Rockville Town Square." The correct hours are: Monday - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 - 5 p.m. Rockville Reports regrets this error.



# INSIDE MAYOR & COUNCIL

A Glimpse into the  
City Government at Work

## Mayor and Council Move Forward with Enhanced Stormwater Program Program Fees Will Be Deferred Until Fiscal Year 2010

Rockville's Mayor and Council voted to continue with a planned expansion of the City's Stormwater Management (SWM) program. Early versions of the proposed program included a new fee, to be levied beginning July 2008. The Mayor and Council approved the city manager's recommendation to begin the program in July 2008, but to delay the fee for one year. The City's SWM fund balance will support the expanded program for its first year. Final approval will be given with adoption of the annual budget later this spring.

"We are fortunate to be able to begin this program without introducing the fee this year," said Mayor Susan Hoffmann. The first year of the program, expected to cost \$3.1 million, will be funded by money in the existing SWM fund. Ongoing support for the SWM program will be provided by the SWM utility fee, which will be charged to all property owners, including government, schools, churches, businesses and residents. The proposed fee is \$55.80 for single-family homes. For commercial, institutional and multi-family, the fees will be based on the amount of impervious surface contained on each property. The SWM fund also will continue to receive revenue from developer fees and contributions, interest income and occasional grants.

"It is important that we start this program right away," said City Manager Scott Ullery. "The longer we wait, the more our infrastructure deteriorates, and the more expensive it becomes."

The program also will help us comply with EPA and state regulations." The expanded SWM program includes maintaining, improving and expanding the City's stormwater ponds and conveyance structures, reducing flooding, and improving stream quality. Related projects include upgrading old SWM facilities or creating new facilities in older areas of the city, as well as stream restoration and drainage improvements.

A Stormwater Advisory Group was formed in 2005 to provide input on the stormwater program levels of service and financing options. This work group supported consolidating and expanding stormwater management, storm drainage and water quality protection functions, and also endorsed the SWM Utility Fee instead of property tax funding. The Mayor and Council supported these recommendations on November 27, 2006.

During the period of public comment from December 17, 2007 through February 25, 2008, the City addressed comments regarding the SWM Utility Fee program, billing and fiscal analysis. Staff will continue to conduct community meetings, provide informational sessions and assist owners with billing questions throughout 2008-09 in preparation for the expected implementation of the SWM utility fee in July 2009.

Formal approval of the new annual fee is expected to be decided during the fiscal year 2010 budget process. **RR**

## Rockville Designated A Preserve America Community

Rockville has been named a Preserve America Community. This designation recognizes Rockville's success in using historic assets for economic development and community revitalization while also encouraging residents and visitors to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs.

"We take great pride in celebrating Rockville's rich heritage and history," said Rockville Mayor Susan Hoffmann. "To have our First Lady recognize Rockville with this honor means a great deal to our residents who are so desirous of preserving and protecting our past."

Preserve America is a White House initiative that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy cultural and natural heritage. Since the program began in 2003, First



Lady Laura Bush has designated 585 communities as Preserve America Communities. Benefits of designation include White House recognition, eligibility to apply for Preserve America grants, listing in a Web-based Preserve America Community directory, inclusion in national and regional press releases, official notification of designation to state tourism offices and visitors bureaus, and enhanced community visibility and pride.

Other Maryland Preserve America Communities include Annapolis, Baltimore and Frederick. **RR**

## Asian Pacific American Task Force Formed, Applications Accepted Appointments will be made in May; Applications to City Clerk by April 25

In an effort to enrich diversity and the quality of life in the City of Rockville, the Mayor and Council created the Asian Pacific American Task Force to foster meaningful dialogue between members of the Asian Pacific American community and the city's government. Member appointments to the 12-seat Task Force will be made in May. Those interested in becoming a member can submit an Expression of Interest Form and a resume to the City Clerk by April 25.

The Asian Pacific American Task Force will help Rockville become more aware of the needs of the Asian Pacific American community, with efforts to inform the community on the many services and opportunities Rockville has to offer.

"This Task Force will foster better communication between Rockville's city government and its Asian Pacific American residents," said Mayor Susan Hoffmann. "This is another way that Rockville builds bridges within our community while recognizing and celebrating our diversity."

The Task Force will consist of no more than 12 people; Rockville residents and busi-

ness owners of Asian Pacific American birth or heritage, and those who have Asian Pacific American family members are encouraged to apply.

Task Force members will be involved with several activities and celebrations that promote Asian Pacific American heritage such as: formal commemoration of the Chinese New Year, recognition of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May, promotion of cultural exchanges, participation in business activities such as the Asian-American business conference, and the exploration of a Sister City relationship between Rockville and a city in China.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280. **RR**

To apply for consideration, submit an Expression of Interest Form, available online at [www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/InterestForm.pdf](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/InterestForm.pdf) to the City Clerk's Office at 111 Maryland Ave. by April 25. A resume, in addition to the form, is recommended.



Mayor  
Susan R. Hoffmann



Councilmember  
John B. Britton



Councilmember  
Piotr Gajewski



Councilmember  
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember  
Anne Robbins

### Mayor & Council Drop In

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month. No appointment is necessary but a call to the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) is appreciated as drop-in times are subject to change.

In addition to Mayor Hoffmann, the Councilmember scheduled for April is:

- April 14 (Mon.): Piotr Gajewski

### Mayor & Council Meetings

All General Sessions, Worksessions and Public Hearings are televised on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11), and are available on streaming video at: [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov). Citizens may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most general session meetings. All meetings are subject to change.

- April 14 (Mon.) Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- April 21 (Mon.) Citizens Forum, 7 p.m.
- April 28 (Mon.) No Citizens Forum.

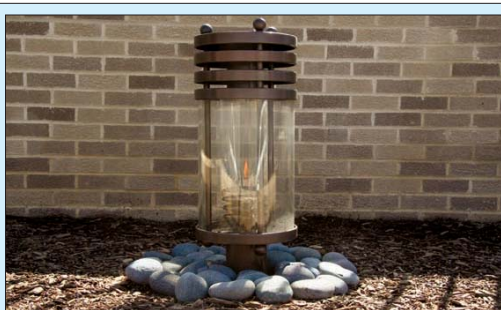
Watch Mayor and Council meetings live on The Rockville Channel (TRC 11)

### Boards & Commissions Vacancies

The City is seeking applicants for:

- Animal Matters Board (one)
- Board of Appeals (one)
- Compensation Commission (two)
- Cultural Arts Commission (one)
- Environment Commission (one)
- Historic District Commission (two)
- Human Rights Commission (one)
- Human Services Advisory Board (one)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (one)
- Personnel Appeals Board (one)
- Rec. & Park Board (two)
- Retirement Board (two)
- Rockville Housing Enterprises (one)
- Rockville Sister City (one)

For more information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 240-314-8280 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov).



**ETERNAL FLAME REDEDICATION...** On Monday, April 14 the Mayor and Council will rededicate the eternal flame, which stands prominently outside the front entrance to City Hall. The flame was recently moved, due to construction of the front ramp of City Hall. The flame is lit in honor of American veterans. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m. and the dedication ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. American Legion Post 86 Color Guard will present the Pledge of Allegiance. Residents and visitors are welcome to attend the ceremony.

# OUT & ABOUT IN ROCKVILLE

Highlighting City Events and Programs

## Live Snakes, Chemistry Magic, and Model Rocket Launches – Oh My!

Wonderful World of Science at Rockville Science Day, Sunday, April 27; Admission and Parking Free

Ever touch a snake? Or launched a model rocket? Interested in learning more about chemistry or genomics? If so, Rockville Science Day on April 27 is not to be missed. Sponsored by the City of Rockville, the Rockville Consortium for Science Inc. (RCS, Inc.) and Montgomery College, Rockville campus, Rockville Science Day offers an event for the entire family. Rockville Science Day is held at Montgomery College, Rockville campus from 12 to 5 p.m. and admission and parking are free.

Science is fun! – a hypothesis that will be proven by the many exhibitors on hand during Rockville Science Day. Local scientists, historians, engineers, and technology experts will bring their work to life, with hands-on science and technology activities. This year features a space shuttle simulator, reptile wonders, the Discover Genomics bus, and the ever-popular rocket building and launching workshop. Everyone can enjoy handling animals, getting to know gems and minerals,



There is much to explore on this planet and beyond at Rockville Science Day on April 27.

learning how robots operate, and attempting hands-on physics challenges and chemistry experiments. Astronomers and biologists will help increase the understanding and awareness of our environment and planet.

Montgomery College, Rockville campus is located on Route 355 and Mannakee St., four stoplights north of the Rockville Metro station. Enter the campus through the north parking lot. There will be signs

directing visitors to the small gym in the Physical Education Center.

For more information, visit [www.rockvillescience.org](http://www.rockvillescience.org), call 301-762-3588 or E-mail [science-day@rocknet.org](mailto:science-day@rocknet.org).

RCS, Inc. is a nonprofit, educational foundation that presents this event annually to increase interest in science and technology in the community, especially among young people. **RR**

## Kick Off the Summer with Family Fun at Rockville Welsh Park, May 2

Free Skateboarding, Outdoor Movie and Community Yard Sale – All to Support the Rockville Recreation Fund

Welsh Park is the place to be on Friday, May 2 from 3 to 10 p.m. as residents, visitors and the City's Department of Recreation and Parks enjoy a day full of fun and recreation while also giving back to the community. This event is free, however donations are appreciated. All proceeds from food and beverage sales and the May 3 community yard sale registration fees will support the Rockville Recreation Fund, helping children and families around the city participate in recreational activities, when they are in financial need.

Plenty of fun and excitement await guests at the seasonal grand opening of Rockville Skate Park including a variety of games and activities, free skateboarding and a movie, suitable for the entire family, to wrap up the night.

"This year, we are very excited to have a family-themed event to open the skate park for the summer season. Come hungry! There will be plenty of food on hand," said Betsy Thompson, Superintendent of Recreation.



Get stoked and skateboard for free on May 2.

"We hope everyone will enjoy this event which also gives back to the Rockville community."

There will be extreme demonstrations by professional skateboarders and rollerbladers, plenty of games and activities including a moon bounce, and a family movie to top off the night. The movie will be announced at a later date. Bring a blanket to relax on the lawn and watch the movie under the stars. Plenty of food and beverages will be available for

purchase. Students can earn community service hours by volunteering at the Welsh Park Family Fun Night. Volunteers must be 15 or older. Call Calvin Dixon, Recreations Programs Supervisor, at 240-314-8643 for more information about this event and to volunteer.

Visit the park again the next morning to sell your goods or shop for treasures at the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call the Department of Recreation and Parks 240-314-8643 to rent a space or for more information about the yard sale. Proceeds from yard sale registration fees also support the Rockville Recreation Fund.

For more information about the Rockville Recreation Fund and how to donate, contact Betsy Thompson at 240-314-8620 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation).

The Rockville Skate Park is located in Welsh Park at 355 Martins La. (behind the Rockville Municipal Swim Center). **RR**

– by Mya Dinh



The Teelin School of Irish Dance (pictured above) will be featured during "A Celtic Celebration."

## Rockville Hosts 'A Celtic Celebration'

Award Winning Musicians and Performers in Concert April 25, 8 p.m.

Premier Celtic musical figure Maggie Sansone and the Teelin School of Irish Dance with special guests bring the Celtic spirit to Rockville in what is hailed by The Washington Post as, "a transporting experience for many listeners, especially those who are quick to fall under the spell of an ancient Celtic melody." The City of Rockville will host "A Celtic Celebration" at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre on Friday, April 25 at 8 p.m.

The concert will feature Maggie Sansone, America's premier hammered dulcimer player, with friends Rob Greenway (Irish flute and guitar), Andrea Hoag (fiddle), Matt Bell (percussion), Paul Oorts (guitar, mandolin, musette accordion), four-time Scottish Harp champion Sue Richards, and the Teelin School of Irish Dance.

This will be an exciting return to the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre for Sansone and friends for a performance that will capture the joyous spirit that embodies Celtic

music today. It will be a festive gathering with Washington, D.C.'s award winning Celtic musicians and a rousing dance performance by the Teelin School of Irish Dance.

The City of Rockville will host a night of special musical and dance performances by locally and nationally recognized artists, including Rockville resident, Sue Richards. Richards is the four-time Scottish Harp champion. She tours nationwide, and has performed for presidents Clinton and Bush and the Queen of England. These international sights and sounds are brought to Rockville, where music lovers can enjoy a night of the exotic and ancient sounds of Celtic music.

General admission to this event is \$15, \$13 for seniors and students. For ticket information or to get more information about this concert, contact the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Box Office at 240-314-8690. **RR**

– by Mya Dinh

## Rockville and the Jezic Ensemble Celebrate Women Composers

The City of Rockville and the Jezic Ensemble invite audiences to experience a unique celebration honoring women composers with musical performances at The Diane Peacock Jezic Memorial Concert: Celebrating Women Composers, featuring the Ravel Trio April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The City of Rockville and the Jezic Ensemble will present a concert to honor women composers with performances by the Ravel Trio and special guests.

The Jezic Ensemble is a nonprofit women's musical organization that works actively in communities in Maryland and across the United States. The choir encourages and supports

the future development of female vocal ensemble performance by providing a venue for innovation in choral composition for female voices and a supportive environment for collaboration and experimentation with emerging and established artists. It was founded by Musical Director Margie T. Farmer and has been in operations for thirty years.

General admission is \$20, \$15 for seniors and students and \$10 per person for groups of 10 or more. For more information about this event contact the box office at 240-314-8690. The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is located at 603 Edmonston Dr. **RR**

– by Mya Dinh



## In Brief

### Neighborhood Event Planning Workshop

A Neighborhood Network Learning Series Workshop is coming on April 29 from 7-9 pm in the Senior Center Dining Room. Learn about: City resources you can use to make your next neighborhood event a success; event planning how-tos; Q&A session; and more. Be the neighbor that planned the event of the year!

CALL 240-314-8343 FOR INFO

### Free Rockville Concert Band Performance

"Concert band favorites" is the theme at this year's Rockville Concert Band performance. This free concert is held April 6 at 3 p.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr.

CALL 240-314-8690 FOR INFO

### Glenview Mansion Meet the Artists

There will be an opening reception on April 6 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the Glenview Mansion Art

Gallery to meet the artists whose work is on display this month. This event is free and open to the public. The Glenview Mansion is located at 603 Edmonston Dr in Rockville Civic Park.

CALL 240-314-8682 FOR INFO

### Election Roundtable Discussion

Rockville's Board of Supervisors of Elections is hosting a roundtable discussion of issues related to Rockville's election process to take place

on Wednesday, April 2 from 7-9 p.m. in the Black-eyed Susan Conference Room, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. To RSVP, call the City Clerk's Office.

CALL 240-314-8280 FOR INFO

### Rockville Civic Ballet Presents "Coppelia"

This ballet is scheduled for April 12 at 7:30 p.m. and April 13 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 general admission, \$8 for children and seniors aged 60 and older. Group rates are available.

Assigned seat tickets may be purchased in person, by telephone, or by mail from the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre Box Office, 603 Edmonston Dr.

CALL 240-314-8690 FOR INFO

### Ms. Wheelchair Maryland '08 Crowned

Congratulations to Rockville resident Denise R. Thomas, a resident of Lincoln Park, was named Ms. Wheelchair Maryland 2008. With her new title, she represents the disability community at large as a spokeswoman.

## CITY

**12 RBBA Opening Day Ceremonies** The Rockville Baseball Association launches its 54th year of organized youth baseball in Rockville. 9 a.m. Dogwood Park. 240-314-8620.

## ARTS

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre are located in Rockville's Civic Center Park. Arts Hotline: 240-314-5006. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre). Service charges apply.

**4-5 HST Cultural Arts Presents "Metaphasia"** Fri. 6:30 p.m., Sat. 5 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

**4-5 HST Cultural Arts Presents "Much Ado About Nothing"** Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

**6 Rockville Concert Band: "Concert Band Favorites"** 3 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

**6 The Diane Peacock Memorial Concert** Celebrating women composers. 7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

**6 Interpretations-Collaborations Art Exhibit** Meet the artists at the opening reception. Glenview Mansion. 1:30-3:30 p.m. FREE.

**6 Sunday Afternoon Concert in the Mansion** Featuring Brooker & Bullen. This duo from New York brings its acoustic sounds to the Glenview Mansion. Visitors will experience Richard Brooker's exceptional melodic fingerstyle playing and Elena Bullen's insightful lyrics and delivery. 2 p.m. FREE.

**12-13 Rockville Civic Ballet Spring Production** Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

**18-19 HST Cultural Arts Presents "Tom Sawyer"** Fri. 6:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

**18-19 HST Cultural Arts Presents "Seussical The Musical"** Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 7:30 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

**25 Celtic Celebration featuring Maggie Sansone** 8 p.m. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

## NATURE

All programs are at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, Rockville Civic Center Park, unless noted. Registration is required. Register online at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8770.

**9 Junior Naturalist Club - Geology** Interested in exploring the natural world? Then join the Junior Naturalists Club at Croydon Creek! Each month we will investigate new topics and learn the skills to become true naturalists. Participants who complete all nine courses will earn

## april

## calendar of events

RES. = Residents • NR. = Non Residents • MEM. = Member • NM. = Non Member

an official Junior Naturalist T-shirt. Dress for the weather, as time will be spent outdoors. 4-5:30 p.m. Ages 10-14. \$12 RES/\$14 NR.

**12 Birding Series** No matter if you are an experienced birder or if you are new to bird watching, come to the Nature Center for an early morning birding hike. Learn about birds common in this area and go out on the trail and try your hand at watching and identifying birds around Croydon Creek. We have a limited supply of binoculars, so if you have a pair, bring them along. 8-9 a.m. Ages 15-over. \$4 RES/\$5 NR.

**12 Toad Abodes** Toads are natural pest control agents; a single toad can eat thousands of unwanted insects in your garden every year. Come to the Nature Center and decorate a terra cotta home for your amphibious friends! Register by 4/5. 2:30-3:30 p.m. All ages. \$12 RES/\$14 NR.

**13 Trails Clean Up Day** Help clean the trails at Croydon Creek. If under the age of 18, must have an adult accompany you to sign a release waiver. An adult must accompany all participants under the age of 14. Great way to earn Student Service Learning hours! Register by 4/10. 1:30-4:30 p.m. All ages. FREE.

**17 Tiny Tot Walk - Adult/Child - Amazing Amphibians** Hop on down to the Nature Center to learn about amphibians through stories, hands-on activities and a craft. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Ages 2-3 1/2. \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

**17 Tyke Hike - Amphibian Adventures** The word amphibian means double life. Come to the Nature Center to learn about the double life of amphibians through stories, hands-on activities and a craft. Participants will spend time outdoors so dress for the weather. 1-2 p.m. 3 1/2-6. 1-2 p.m. \$6 RES/\$7 NR.

**19 Croydon Creek Campfire - Nature Myths** Can a toad give you warts? Do porcupines really shoot their quills? Gather around a campfire for some nature myth trivia and a campfire treat. Bring along a blanket or lawn chair for sitting. An adult must accompany children under the age of 10 and all participants must register. Register by 4/11. 7-8 p.m. All ages. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

**20 Backyard Diversity** About 20 million acres of land in the U.S. are dedicated to lawns - more than is used for any single crop. Learn how to turn your yard into a more biodiverse haven for wildlife using low maintenance plants and other sustainable gardening practices. Register by 4/15. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Ages 16-over. \$3 RES/\$4 NR.

**26 Spring Festival** Bring the entire family to enjoy the wonders of na-

ture in an urban setting. There will be woodland hikes, a spring native plant sale, nature games and crafts plus exhibits and activities that celebrate Earth Day. No registration required. 1-4 p.m. All ages. Plants will be available for purchase. FREE.

## SENIORS

All programs are at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, unless noted. Phone: 240-314-8800.

**1,8,15,22,29 Carnation Players Casting Call** Senior Citizen Performing Arts Group auditioning for upcoming shows. Register by 4/1. 3-4 p.m. FREE.

**1 Gifting: How and When Educational Seminar** 1-3 p.m. FREE.

**2 Clarify Computer Concepts Class** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

**2 April Birthday and Anniversary Party** Entertainment by "Two For The Show." Light refreshments will be served after the performance. 1:30-3 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2 NR.

**3 Stars On Ice Trip** Trip filled. Taking a wait list. 1st Mariner's Arena, Baltimore. 5-10:30 p.m. \$69 MEM/\$86 RES/\$107 NR.

**4,11,18 Baking From Scratch 1** Cookies and cakes from scratch. 1:30-3:30 p.m. \$12 MEM/\$15 RES/\$19 NR. An additional \$5 supply fee for each class is required.

**7,14,21,28 Piecemakers' Club Quilting group** Bring own supplies. 12:45-2:45 p.m. \$8 MEM/\$10 RES/\$12 NR. Register by 3/31.

**7,14,21,28 Group Piano - Beginner** 11 a.m.-12 p.m. \$66 MEM/\$83 RES/\$116 NR. Register by 3/31.

**7,14,21,28 Group Piano - Intermediate II** 10-11 a.m. \$66 MEM/\$83 RES/\$116 NR. Register by 3/31.

**7 Backing up Your Computer Class** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

**8 The Power of Family Educational Seminar** 1-2 p.m. FREE.

**8 Keyboard and Mouse (beg) Class** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free MEM/Free RES/\$3 NR.

**8,15,22,29 Group Piano - Intermediate I** 11 a.m.-12 p.m. \$66 MEM/\$83 RES/\$116 NR. Register by 4/1.

**8,15,22,29 Group Piano - Advanced Intermediate** 10-11 a.m. \$66 MEM/\$83 RES/\$116 NR. Register by 4/1.

**8 Woodworking Club - Beginner** 1-3 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$9 NR. Register by 4/1.

**9 PowerPoint Workshop** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free MEM/Free RES/\$2 NR.

**10,17,24 Chinese Group Piano Lessons - Beginner** 2-3 p.m. \$50 MEM/\$62 RES/\$77 NR. Register by 4/3.

**10,17,24 Chinese Group Piano Lessons - Advanced Beginner** 1-2 p.m. \$50 MEM/\$62 RES/\$77 NR. Register by 4/3.

**10 Seven Salads For Spring** Cooking demonstration with samples. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$22 MEM/\$28 RES/\$35 NR. Register by 4/3.

**10,17 Watercolor - Experimental** 1-3 p.m. \$20 MEM/\$25 RES/\$31 NR. Register by 4/3.

**10,17,24 Watercolor - Advanced** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$56 MEM/\$69 RES/\$83 NR. Register by 4/3.

**11 Gearing Up Gardens For Spring and Summer Discussion** on preparing gardens for spring and summer. 10:30-11:30 a.m. \$2 MEM/\$3 RES/\$4 NR. Register by 4/4.

**14,16,21 Computer Essentials Class** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$24 MEM/\$30 RES/\$36 NR.

**14 Scanners Class** 12:30-2 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

**15,17 Computer Basics Class** 10:30-12 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

**15 When & How Hospice Can Help Educational Seminar** 10-11:30 a.m. FREE.

**15 Collect, Save & Play Music on Your PC Class** 1-3 p.m. FREE.

**15 Comedy Night in conjunction with Gaithersburg Senior Center** A night of laughter and fun. 6:30-8:45 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$9 NR. Register by 4/8.

**15 Woodworking Club - Advanced Beginner** 1-3 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$9 NR. Register by 4/8.

**16 Healthcare Decisions Educational Seminar** 1-3 p.m. FREE.

**16 Diseases of the Aging Eye Educational Seminar** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. FREE.

**17 Using the "Help" Feature on your Computer Class** 1-3 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

**22,24,29 Windows Operating Systems Class** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$38 MEM/\$47 RES/\$56 NR.

**22 Maintaining Your Home** Educational Seminar 1-3 p.m. FREE.

**22 Longwood Gardens Trip** Trip filled. Taking a wait list. 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$59 MEM/\$74 RES/\$95 NR.

**23 It's A Grand Canyon** Geological story of the grand canyon with slides. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Free MEM/Free RES/\$2 NR. Register by 4/16.

**23,28,30 Microsoft Word Class** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20 MEM/\$25 RES/\$30 NR.

**24 Windows Explorer Class** 1-3 p.m. \$5 MEM/\$7 RES/\$10 NR.

**24 Book Club** "No Ordinary Times" by Delores Kearns Goodwin discussed. 10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$3 NR. Register by 4/17.

**24 Watercolor - Beginning** 1-3 p.m. \$54 MEM/\$67 RES/\$81 NR. Register by 4/17.

**29 VisArts at Rockville Tour** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2 NR. Register by 4/22.

**29 Learning How to Grieve Educational Seminar** 1-2 p.m. FREE.

**30 Peace Corps: Now and Then** Presentation on the experiences of living and working in communities worldwide. 10-11:30 a.m. FREE MEM/RES/\$2 NR. Register by 4/23.

## BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

All meetings are open to the public and held at City Hall (111 Maryland Ave.) unless otherwise noted.

**2 Rockville Bicycle Advisory** 7:15 p.m.

**5 Board of Appeals** 9:30 a.m.

**8 Environment Commission** 7:30 p.m.

**8 Human Services Advisory Commission** 7:30 p.m.

**9 Cultural Arts Commission** 7 p.m.

**9 Rockville Sister City Corporation** 7:30 p.m.

**9,23 Planning Commission** 7 p.m.

**15 Rockville Seniors, Inc.** 1 p.m. Senior Center.

**16 Rockville Housing Enterprises** 6:30 p.m. 621-A Southlawn Ln.

**17 Senior Citizens Commission** 10 a.m. Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr.

**17 Historic District Commission** 7:30 p.m.

**22 Traffic and Transportation Commission** 7:30 p.m.

**23 Human Rights Commission** 7 p.m.

**24 Recreation and Park Advisory Board** 7 p.m. Pump House, 401 South Horners Ln.

**25 Rockville Economic Development, Inc.** 7:30 a.m. 95 Monroe St.

## Rockville's Glenview Mansion Added to National Register of Historic Places

*Presentation of 'Glenview Mansion: from Plantation to Summer Estate to Civic Center' Offered*

The City's very own Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park has been added to the National Register of Historic Places. This recognition lists Glenview Mansion as significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture. To commemorate this occasion, a free lecture and tour of the mansion will be presented on Sunday, April 6 from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

In a presentation titled, "Glenview Mansion: from Plantation to Summer Estate to Civic Center," Rockville's Jeff Winstel, Historic Preservation Planner for the Department of Community Planning and Development, will give a lecture about the history of the estate, its contribution to Rockville's identity and why it merits national recognition.

"We will be looking at

the mansion from a cultural point of view discussing what the design of the building and grounds tell us about the people who built it and the society in which they lived. The landscape at Glenview has evolved over time, and many different periods have left their mark on the grounds. The challenge of managing this type of cultural landscape begins with understanding what the important elements are from each period," said Winstel.

Glenview Mansion is a 19th century neoclassical home situated on 153 acres. Its hill-top location and stately white columns offset a stone façade exterior making the mansion an attractive place to visit and a desired site to host social gatherings.

The National Register of Historic Places is the country's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation. It is part of a national program to



**A jewel of the City, the Glenview Mansion, is available to rent for special events year round.**

coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate and protect the country's historic and archeological resources. To learn more about the National Register of Historic Places, visit the Web site at [www.nps.gov/nr/](http://www.nps.gov/nr/).

The Glenview Mansion at Rockville Civic Center Park is located at 603 Edmonston Dr.

This event is free and reservations are requested. Call 240-314-8660 for more information and to make reservations. More information about Glenview Mansion's addition to the National Register of Historic Places can be viewed on the City's Web site at [www.rockvillemd.gov/historic/](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/historic/). **RR**

— by Mya Dinh

## Volunteer Time:

**Rockville Science Day Volunteers Needed**

Rockville Science Day, sponsored by the City of Rockville, the Rockville Consortium for Science and Montgomery College is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed the day of the event, Sunday, April 27 to complete tasks such as helping set up tables for exhibitors, putting out directional signs, helping with flow of pedestrian traffic in exhibit areas, and other duties as needed.

Volunteers also are needed to deliver fliers to area schools and libraries in late March. Times needed are flexible.

Rockville Science Day is held at Montgomery College, Rockville Campus located at 51 Mannakee St. Admission and parking is free and the event is perfect for the entire family, especially elementary school aged children.

See **page 6** of *Rockville Reports* for more information on Rockville Science Day. Contact Bob Ekman at 301-512-1278 or [scienceday@rocktor.org](mailto:scienceday@rocktor.org) to volunteer. **RR**

**Croydon Creek Nature Center**  
*invites you to our annual*

## Spring Festival & Native Plant Sale

**on April 26, 2008 from 1-4 p.m.**

Bring the entire family to Croydon Creek to enjoy the wonders of nature in an urban setting. This event is free and no registration is required.

Join us for:

- Woodland Hikes
- A Spring Plant Sale
- Nature Games and Crafts
- A live raptor show
- Raffle of a birthday party package valued up to \$500
- Exhibits and Activities that celebrate Earth Day.



For more information, call us at 240-314-8770 or visit our website at <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/croydoncreek/index.html>

## CPDS Director Begins April 7

Susan Swift has been named the City of Rockville's Director of Community Planning and Development Services. Swift comes as the former director of planning, zoning and development with the town of Leesburg, Va., and has more than 30 years experience in both the public and private sectors. Among her many duties will be to lead the City's Comprehensive Master Plan update and oversee the recently begun Rockville Pike Corridor Plan.

"Susan's extensive experience in land use planning, redevelopment and land use regulation make her an outstanding choice for this position," said Scott Ullery, Rockville's City Manager.

Swift holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography from the University of Florida and a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning, from Florida State University. In addition, she is certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners. She begins her employment with Rockville on April 7. **RR**

TRC 11		THE ROCKVILLE CHANNEL APRIL PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE						
		SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12 Midnight until meeting ends		Planning Commission	Historic District Commission	Mayor & Council	Mayor & Council	Historic District Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
6 a.m.		City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 a.m.		Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 a.m.		Rockville's Pike Meeting	Police Canine Officers	City Mgr. Budget Proposal	Police Canine Officers	City Mgr. Budget Proposal	Police Canine Officers	Rockville's Pike Meeting
7:30 a.m.		On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore
8 a.m.		City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
8:30 a.m.		Historic District Commission	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Mayor & Council
9 a.m.		City Mgr. Budget Proposal	Every 15 Minutes	Police Canine Officers	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Every 15 Minutes	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Police Canine Officers
10 a.m.		On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore
10:30 a.m.		Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting
11 a.m.		Police Canine Officers	Every 15 Minutes	Police Canine Officers	Every 15 Minutes	Police Canine Officers	Every 15 Minutes	Police Canine Officers
11:30 a.m.		City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
12 noon		Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
12:30 p.m.		Mayor & Council	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Historic District Commission	Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Planning Commission
4 p.m.		Every 15 Minutes	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Every 15 Minutes	Every 15 Minutes	Every 15 Minutes	Every 15 Minutes	Every 15 Minutes
4:30 p.m.		On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore
5 p.m.		City Mgr. Budget Proposal	Rockville's Pike Meeting	City Mgr. Budget Proposal	Rockville's Pike Meeting	City Mgr. Budget Proposal	Rockville's Pike Meeting	City Mgr. Budget Proposal
6 p.m.		City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
6:30 p.m.		Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
7 p.m.		Planning Commission	Mayor & Council	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Planning Commission	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Mayor & Council	Rockville's Pike Meeting
8 p.m.		Every 15 Minutes	Every 15 Minutes	Police Canine Officers	Police Canine Officers	Police Canine Officers	Every 15 Minutes	Every 15 Minutes
8:30 p.m.		On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore	On Patrol Encore
9 p.m.		Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting	Rockville's Pike Meeting
9:30 p.m.		City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report	City Hall Report
10 p.m.		Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline
10:30 p.m.		Every 15 Minutes	Rockville's Pike Meeting	City Mgr. Budget Proposal	Every 15 Minutes	City Mgr. Budget Proposal	City Mgr. Budget Proposal	Rockville's Pike Meeting
11 p.m.		Police Canine Officers	Police Canine Officers	Police Canine Officers	Police Canine Officers	Police Canine Officers	Police Canine Officers	Police Canine Officers
11:30 p.m.		Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline	Cityline



**Mayor**  
SUSAN R. HOFFMANN  
**Councilmembers**  
JOHN B. BRITTON,  
PIOTR GAJEWSKI,  
PHYLLIS MARCUCCIO,  
ANNE M. ROBBINS

**City Manager:** Scott Ullery

**Deputy City Manager:**

Catherine Tuck Parrish

**Acting Comm. Officer:** Marylou Berg

**Editor:** Kimberly O'Sullivan

**Insert Editor:** Jennifer Strohm

**Public Information Intern:** Mya Dinh

**Graphics & Printing Division:** Sylvia

England, Eric Ferrell, Nikita Jones, Leon

Porter, Lori Russler, Nancy Zombolas

**Rockville Reports** is the official publication of the Mayor and Council, published monthly at

City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md.

20850-2364. It is delivered to all residents of

Rockville. Phone 240-314-8116.

Any individuals with disabilities who would like

to receive the information in this publication in

another form may contact the Americans with

Disabilities Act Coordinator at 240-314-8100; TTY